

**SPECIAL MEETING OF  
DIRECTORS OF BELMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**Tuesday, May 13, 2008 7:30 PM**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ONE TWIN PINES LANE**

**CALL TO ORDER 7:50 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

Directors Present: Braunstein, Dickenson, Feierbach, Wozniak, Lieberman

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: District Manager Crist, Fire Chief Fry, City Attorney Zafferano, Finance Director Fil, City

Treasurer Violet, District Secretary Cook

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Approval of** Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 22, 2008

**ACTION:** On a motion by Director Dickenson, seconded by Director Braunstein, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved by a show of hands.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

**Resolution Ratifying the Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department Fiscal Year 2009 Budget**

Finance Director Fil stated that the Belmont-San Carlos Fire Commission is being presented with a balanced budget which includes improvements to services and equipment. The department has reorganized itself, including additional firefighters, a new chief and three new battalion chiefs. It is building reserves for fleet and to cover contingencies. The budget represents the new funding formula of 53 percent from San Carlos and 47 percent from Belmont. There is a new hazmat agreement with the County in place. The Fire Commission recommends ratification of the budget as proposed. He commented that the department has not yet achieved its previous level of service, but this is a long-term goal.

Fire Chief Fry noted that San Carlos unanimously ratified the budget at its meeting the previous evening.

In response to Director Dickenson, Finance Director Fil noted that workers compensation rates are based on experience, and the number of claims has been substantially reduced in recent years, resulting in a drop in rates.

Director Dickenson complimented Chief Fry on his leadership and mentorship within the department, and noted that the Chief is proactive in driving efficiencies. At this time he is comfortable with the budget, but there is a need to be diligent with future budgets. He expressed concern that the proposed Palo Alto Medical Foundation facility in San Carlos could be a drain on resources.

Finance Director Fil explained GASB (Government Accounting Standards Board) 45 and its affect on municipal budgets.

President Lieberman noted that there were different ways to fund GASB 45, and there is a need to minimize its affect on budgets. He commented that the relationship between the two cities is positive and productive.

Director Feierbach thanked the Belmont members of the Fire Board (Dickenson and Lieberman) and also thanked Chief Fry and Finance Director Fil for their work.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Director Feierbach, seconded by Director Dickenson, Resolution 2008-2 Ratifying the Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department Fiscal Year 2009 Budget was unanimously approved by a show of hands.

**ADJOURNMENT** at this time, being 8:03 P.M.

**Terri Cook**

**District Secretary**